

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

**Call to Order:** Chair Bill Beck, on January 20, 2011 at 8:00 AM, in Room 350 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Bill Beck, Chair (R)  
Sen. Alan Olson, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)  
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)  
Sen. David E. Wanzonried (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Champ Edmunds (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:**

Greg DeWitt, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
Mark Bruno, Governor's Office (GOV)  
Quinn Holzer, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
Christine Hultin-Brus, Governor's Office (GOV)  
Cheryl Pesta, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Secretary of State, Hearing  
Commissioner of Political Practices, Hearing  
Legislative Branch, Hearing  
Consumer Counsel, Hearing

00:01:16 Rep. Beck

**Secretary of State Office:**

00:01:46 Greg DeWitt, LFD

00:04:00 Linda McCulloch, Montana Secretary of State (SOS)

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(jgh15a01\)\*\*](#)

**Questions from the Committee:**

00:11:05 Rep. Beck

00:12:20 Ms. McCulloch

00:12:37 Katherine Dalton, SOS

00:13:26 Rep. Beck

00:13:31 Ms. Dalton

00:14:08 Rep. Beck

00:14:30 Ms. Dalton

00:14:51 Rep. Beck

00:15:30 Ms. McCulloch

00:17:29 Rep. Beck

00:17:44 Ms. McCulloch

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(jgh15a02\)\*\*](#)

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(jgh15a03\)\*\*](#)

00:21:25 Rep. Beck

00:21:47 Ms. McCulloch

00:23:38 Rep. Beck

00:23:53 Ms. McCulloch

00:24:28 Rep. Beck

00:24:39 Ms. McCulloch

00:25:00 Sen. Wanzenried

00:25:50 Ms. McCulloch

00:29:25 Sen. Wanzenried

00:30:07 Ms. McCulloch

00:33:03 Sen. Wanzenried

00:33:10 Ms. McCulloch

00:33:40 Sen. Wanzenried

00:33:55 Ms. McCulloch

00:34:07 Rep. Beck

00:34:30 Ms. McCulloch

00:35:07 Rep. Beck

00:35:25 Ms. McCulloch

00:35:57 Sen. Wanzenried

00:36:33 Ms. McCulloch

00:39:09 Rep. Beck

00:39:13 Ms. McCulloch

00:39:56 Rep. Beck

00:40:11 Ms. McCulloch

00:40:20 Sen. Buttrey

00:40:49 Ms. McCulloch

00:41:36 Sen. Buttrey

00:41:59 Ms. McCulloch

**Commissioner of Political Practices:**

00:42:42 Quinn Holzer  
00:44:06 Christine Hultin-Brus, GOV  
00:44:39 Jennifer L. Hensley, Commissioner of Political Practices

**EXHIBIT(jgh15a04)**

00:49:42 Sen. Wanzenried left the room.

**Questions from Committee:**

00:59:48 Rep. Beck  
00:59:53 Ms. Hensley  
01:01:26 Rep. Beck  
01:02:44 Ms. Hensley  
01:03:18 Rep. Beck  
01:03:37 Ms. Hensley  
01:03:58 Rep. Beck  
01:04:08 Sen. Olson  
01:04:48 Ms. Hensley  
01:05:10 Mary Baker, Political Science Division  
01:06:02 Sen. Buttrey  
01:06:31 Ms. Hensley  
01:06:57 Sen. Buttrey  
01:07:23 Ms. Hensley  
01:10:23 Sen. Buttrey  
01:11:01 Ms. Hensley  
01:13:31 Sen. Wanzenried returned.  
01:14:01 Sen. Buttrey  
01:14:20 Ms. Hensley  
01:15:32 Rep. Beck  
01:15:46 Ms. Hensley  
01:15:51 Rep. Beck  
01:16:01 Ms. Hensley  
  
01:17:41 Break  
01:26:17 Rep. Edmunds entered the room.  
01:26:18 Sen. Olson left the room.

**Legislative Services Branch:**

01:28:51 Quinn Holzer  
01:29:16 Susan Byorth Fox, Executive Director, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:29:42 Sen. Mitch Tropila, SD 12, Chair of Legislative Audit Committee  
01:30:25 Ms. Fox  
01:31:14 Rep. McChesney entered room.

**EXHIBIT(jgh15a05)**

**EXHIBIT(jgh15a06)**

01:32:12 Sen. Llew Jones, SD 14  
01:35:48 Sen. Carol Williams, SD 46  
01:40:56 Ms. Fox

01:49:37 Sen. Olson returned.

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(jgh15a07\)\*\*](#)

**Questions from Committee:**

02:17:21 Sen. Wanzenried

02:18:11 Ms. Fox

02:18:25 Sen. Wanzenried

02:19:54 Ms. Fox

02:20:24 Sen. Wanzenried

02:20:45 Ms. Fox

**Legislative Finance Committee:**

02:21:09 Amy Carlson, LFD

02:21:18 Rep. Edmunds left the room.

02:25:35 Rep. Edmunds returned.

**Legislative Audit Division:**

02:29:45 Tori Hunthausen, Legislative Auditor, CPA

**Questions from Committee:**

02:47:18 Rep. Beck

02:47:47 Ms. Hunthausen

02:47:57 Sen. Olson left the room.

02:48:04 Rep. Beck

02:48:40 Ms. Hunthausen

02:50:02 Sen. Buttrey

02:50:46 Ms. Hunthausen

02:52:56 Rep. Edmunds

02:54:03 Ms. Hunthausen

02:55:30 Sen. Wanzenried

02:56:57 Ms. Fox

02:58:27 Sen. Wanzenried

02:58:51 Sen. Olson returned.

02:58:58 Rep. Beck

**Consumer Council:**

02:59:39 Quinn Holzer

03:00:25 Bob Nelson, Consumer Counsel

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(jgh15a08\)\*\*](#)

03:11:25 Sen. Wanzenried left the room.

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(jgh15a09\)\*\*](#)

03:18:18 Rep. McChesney left the room.

03:20:39 Rep. McChesney returned.

**Questions from Committee:**

03:23:40 Sen. Buttrey

03:24:25 Quinn Holzer

03:24:49 Mr. Nelson

03:25:13 Mark Bruno

03:25:48 Quinn Holzer

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03:26:20 Mr. Nelson  
03:26:34 Mandy Schulen, Office Manager, Office of Consumer Counsel  
03:26:59 Mark Bruno  
03:27:48 Rep. Beck  
03:27:54 Sen. Buttrey

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 03:28:25

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Cheryl Pesta, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([jgh15aad.pdf](#))